

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kaname Joushita

Serial No.: 10/695,456



Group Art Unit: 3611

Filed: October 29, 2003

Examiner:

Lee Sin Yee Lum Vannucci

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING DEVICE AND JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND
APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicant submits a Petition and Fee for a One-Month Extension of Time.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during telephone interviews on September 12, 2006, September 13, 2006, and September 20, 2006.

During the telephone interviews:

1. No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.
2. Claims 1 and 4 were discussed.
3. The Hein reference and the Oka et al. reference were discussed.
4. No proposed claim amendments were discussed.
5. During the September 12, 2006, telephone interview, the Applicants'

representative pointed out that none of the applied references teaches or suggests the features of the claimed invention including a circumferentially extending projection at an outer periphery.

6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.
7. Results of the Interview:

During the September 12, 2006, the Examiner agreed that none of the applied references appeared to teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention including a circumferentially extending projection at an outer periphery. However, the Examiner indicated that she wanted to consult with her Supervisory Examiner. The Examiner requested that the telephone interview be continued the next day.

On September 13, 2006, the Examiner called the Applicant's representative and

indicated that she agreed that none of the applied references teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention including a circumferentially extending projection at an outer periphery.

The Examiner also indicated that the application is in condition for allowance and, therefore, she is withdrawing all objections and rejections. The Examiner indicated that a Notice of Allowance will be issued in the next couple of weeks.

On September 20, 2006, the Examiner again contacted the applicant's representative and indicated that corrected drawings will be required as a condition for allowance of the application. Applicant's representative agreed to file corrected formal drawings.

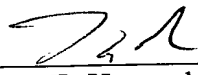
In view of the indication that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all objections and rejections and submits that no further response to the May 26, 2006, Office action is required.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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